

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fabric covering, comprising:  
a top; and  
a structure that extends above the top to direct water runoff.
2. The fabric covering of claim 1, wherein the fabric covering comprises a rain fly for a tent.
3. The fabric covering of claim 1, wherein the fabric covering comprises a canopy for a shelter.
4. The fabric covering of claim 1, wherein the structure comprises an elongate protrusion configured to extend above the top.
5. The fabric covering of claim 4, wherein the elongate protrusion comprises a flexible bead attached to the top.
6. The fabric covering of claim 5, wherein the flexible bead is attached to the top by a fabric strip.

7. The fabric covering of claim 6, wherein the fabric strip forms a loop and the flexible bead is positioned in the loop.

8. The fabric covering of claim 7, wherein the fabric strip wraps around the flexible bead to form the loop, and wherein opposite portions of the fabric strip adjacent the loop are aligned against one another and are attached to the top.

9. The fabric covering of claim 8, wherein the fabric strip and the flexible bead are arranged so that the loop and the flexible bead are rotatable upward relative to the attachment of the fabric strip to the top.

10. The fabric covering of claim 9, wherein, when the flexible bead is rotated upward relative to the attachment of the fabric strip, a back portion of the loop forms a wall that extends upward from the top and that is supported by the flexible bead and the attachment of the fabric strip to the top.

11. The fabric covering of claim 10, wherein the wall extends at approximately a right angle to the top.

12. The fabric covering of claim 1, further comprising a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the gutter at a first end and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

13. The fabric covering of claim 12, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

14. The fabric covering of claim 12, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

15. The fabric covering of claim 12, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the fabric covering.

16. The fabric covering of claim 1, wherein the gutter extends along an edge of the fabric covering.

17. The fabric covering of claim 16, wherein the gutter extends along an entire edge of the covering.

18. A shelter comprising the fabric covering of claim 1 as a canopy.

19. A tent, comprising:

a rain fly comprising:

a top; and

a structure that extends above the top to direct water runoff.

20. The tent of claim 19, wherein the structure comprises an elongate protrusion configured to extend above the top.

21. The tent of claim 20, wherein the elongate protrusion comprises a flexible bead attached to the top.

22. The tent of claim 21, wherein the flexible bead is attached to the top by a fabric strip.

23. The tent of claim 22, wherein the fabric strip forms a loop and the flexible bead is positioned in the loop.

24. The tent of claim 23, wherein the fabric strip wraps around the flexible bead to form the loop, and wherein opposite portions of the fabric strip adjacent the loop are aligned against one another and are attached to the top.

25. The tent of claim 24, wherein the fabric strip and the flexible bead are arranged so that the loop and the flexible bead are rotatable upward relative to the attachment of the fabric strip to the top.

26. The tent of claim 25, wherein, when the flexible bead is rotated upward relative to the attachment of the fabric strip, a back portion of the loop forms a wall that extends upward from the top and that is supported by the flexible bead and the attachment of the fabric strip to the top.

27. The tent of claim 26, wherein the wall extends at approximately a right angle to the top.

28. The tent of claim 19, further comprising a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the gutter

at a first end and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

29. The tent of claim 28, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

30. The tent of claim 28, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

31. The tent of claim 28, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the rain fly.

32. The tent of claim 19, wherein the gutter extends along an edge of the rain fly.

33. The tent of claim 32, wherein the gutter extends along an entire edge of the rain fly.

34. The tent of claim 32, wherein the gutter extends over a window for the tent.

35. The tent of claim 32, wherein the gutter extends over a door for the tent.

36. A fabric covering, comprising a fabric downspout arranged to receive water flowing along the gutter at a first end and to direct the water to a second end of the downspout.

37. The fabric covering of claim 36, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a tube of fabric.

38. The fabric covering of claim 36, wherein the fabric downspout comprises a ring at the first end for holding the first end open to receive the water.

39. The fabric covering of claim 36, wherein the fabric downspout is removably attached to the rain fly.

40. A tent comprising the fabric covering of claim 36.